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Wayne County Audit Shows Continuing Problems

Wayne County leaders have made some progress, but more needs to be done to correct the problems detailed in its annual audit by the Comptroller's office.

The audit highlights 17 problems spread across several county offices. 12 of these findings were also cited in last year's report but had not been corrected.

The office of the county executive accounted for nearly half of this year's issues. All eight of the findings related to that office were also presented in last year's report. The findings include problems with accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and payroll. Several issues with the Wayne County Board of Public Utilities, which is led by the county executive, were also noted.

Most of the other findings in the report concern financial management issues and poor internal controls, such as multiple employees operating from the same cash drawer and a failure to divide money-handling responsibilities.

Auditors also noted a Comptroller investigation of the Wayne County School Department released in July 2014. This report revealed a cash shortage of \$319,134.58. This report can be viewed at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/repository/ia/waynecountyschools.pdf>.

"Last year our auditors reported 30 findings in Wayne County government," Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. "While I'm pleased to see some improvement, there is still much work to be done. The Audit Committee and county leaders must be serious about fixing these lingering problems."

To view the audit online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>

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